



Inspection Report

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Customer ID: 2793

Certificate: 41-C-0019

Site: 001

MINNESOTA ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

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13000 ZOO BOULEVARD
APPLE VALLEY, MN 55124

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Jun-10-2011

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FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

On 8 June 2011 a Mexican wolf escaped its holding area enclosure. An area of the fencing had deteriorated along the upper edge allowing an opening to form that was large enough to allow the wolf to escape. The wolf had access to the upper edge of the fencing when it perched atop a wooden structure within the enclosure and next to the fence that provided additional shade for the animal. After escaping the primary holding enclosure the wolf gained access to the general public zoo area. Zoo personnel determined that recapture was not possible. Zoo personnel followed their animal escape policy and humanely euthanized the wolf via sharpshooter before it could escape zoo grounds, harm any of the public or any of the other zoo animal collection.

The facility failed to maintain the primary enclosure of the Mexican wolf in a condition that was structurally sound to contain the wolf. This failure resulted in the death of the wolf and may have potentially caused harm to the public or other animals.

The facility has corrected this noncompliance by repairing the fencing in the wolf holding area.

This was a focused inspection of the Mexican wolf exhibit and marine mammal records only.

Inspection and exit briefing conducted with Collection Manager, Associate Veterinarian and this Veterinary Medical Officer.

End of report.

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